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Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

Thanks

My family and I would like to take this opportunity of saying how much we appreciated the flowers and letters of sympathy, and all the kindness shown by friends and neighbours after the recent sad loss of my Mother. Thank you most sincerely.

Constance Way, 26 Acorn Avenue

Road Safety

The meeting called for Friday, 21st April was attended by 73 people. It was decided that a letter should be written to our M.P. Mr. Francis Pym, with copies to the following authorities and organisations:

The Director of the Eastern Road Construction Unit; The Chairman of Chesterton RDC; S. J. Flint, Esq., Clerk to Chesterton RDC; The Chairman of Cambs. and Isle of Ely C.C; Mrs. H. W. Leakey, County Councillor; The County Surveyor; The Ministry of Transport; Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd.; The Whippet Coach Co. Ltd.; Bar Hill Developments Ltd.

No less than 507 signatures were collected and sent with the letter which was mailed on 27th April. In the letter it was proposed, as suggested at the meeting, that some or all of the following measures be carried out: (1) The present bus stop must be abolished and buses made to enter the Village. (2) Improved road signs should be erected for information. (3) Continuous white lines should be painted between each lane to prevent overtaking. (4) Temporary Traffic Lights should be erected, operating at peak hours. (5) 50 m.p.h. speed limit should be introduced from the St. Ives roundabout to Cambridge. (6) Road Islands should be constructed to regulate the traffic and allow for safe vehicular access to and from the Village. (7) Raised hatched lines across the road should be introduced to give audible warning to drivers.

This letter follows closely the one recently written by the Bar Hill Motoring Association to the Minister of Environment, with copies to the Road Safety Officer, Mid-Anglia Police, The County Planning Officer and our M.P., Mr. Francis Pym. It is sincerely hoped that this concerted effort by virtually all adults in the Village will bring swift action. We requested a reply and/or action by Friday, 12th May, when we intend to call another meeting in the School, at 8 p.m., to report on progress. O.P.

Community Council

Please note that the meeting announced for Tuesday, 2nd May has had to be postponed.

Clinic: Help Wanted

The numbers of children and babies have recently increased greatly, and more helpers are needed at the clinic. The Health Visitor would be very grateful to hear from two or three volunteers - reliable, equable people, whose own children (if any) are over 3. Toys would also be very welcome: a few unwanted toys in good order, particularly those of interest to 1 - 3 year-olds (e.g. rocker, baby-walker trolley, bricks, pull-along toys, but not, please, tricycles or scooters!)

At present the Clinic is held in the School from 4 - 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month (or earlier when the School is on holiday); from the autumn it will be held twice a month.

Will anyone willing to help please contact Miss Heathcote, Histon 2676, before 10...

Guides

The 1st Bar Hill Guide Company will be formed on Tuesday, 2nd May. Any girl of 10 or over who wishes to join, please meet at the School at 6 p.m.

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Young, 28 Almond Grove;
Mr. and Mrs. Earley, 11 Acorn Avenue;
Mr. and Mrs. Burke, 72 Foxhollow
Mr. and Mrs. Buttress, 69 Oatlands Avenue;
Mr. and Mrs. Balaam, 5 Partridge Drive;
Mr. and Mrs. Morley, 57 Oatlands Avenue;
Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, 67 Foxhollow;
Mr. and Mrs. Hodnett, 42 Acorn Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. Hewins, 78 Foxhollow
Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, 6 Partridge Drive
Mr. and Mrs. Denston, 4 Partridge Drive
Mr. and Mrs. Day, 56 Oatlands Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, 75 Foxhollow
Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, 7 Otter Close.

Roman Catholics

A meeting has been called for Roman Catholics in Bar Hill to meet Fr. Anthony Forman, the Parish Priest responsible for the Village, at 8 p.m., Monday, 8th May, at 20 Otter Close. We aim to discuss future activities, including a monthly House Mass, the possible use of the Shared Church Centre, Religious Education and other topical subjects.

Kevin Read-Jones (Crafts Hill 384)

Sale

Place: The Mall. Date: Saturday, 20th May at 9 a.m. On sale: home-made cakes to help raise funds for Shared Church and Community Centre.

Bar Hill W.I.

At our meeting on Thursday, 4th May there will be a talk by a representative of the National Prevention of Cruelty to Children. We look forward to seeing new faces, so if you would like to come, we meet in the School at 7.45 p.m.

HELP! We often need a 16 mm projector for our talks, and if anyone has one they are willing to lend us, should the need arise, would they please contact: Mrs. Page, 17 Gladeside, telephone Crafts Hill 594.

Lift to Babraham

Person working at Babraham, on A604, 1 mile from Sawston, 3 miles from Linton - would be interested to know if anyone from the Village would like to share cars in travelling to work. Please contact M. A. Peacock, 19 Oatlands Avenue. ✓

Library

A reminder that the Library is open in the School on Monday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30. A new selection of books has recently arrived.

Pre-School Playgroup

The Playgroup wishes to thank all those who supported our Easter Fair on 25th March. We made a profit of £60 which will go towards Playgroup funds.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the School at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd May. All members are urged to attend, and friends will be most welcome. The official business, which should be brief, will be followed by a fork supper, and there will be a Nearly New Stall.

We are still anxious to purchase unwanted Dinky, Matchbox, etc. toy cars. Please contact Janet Hook, 23 Almond Grove (Crafts Hill 352).

Bar Hill County Primary School: "May Day Fete"

This will be held on Saturday, 20th May at 2.30 p.m. Events will include: Crowning the May Queen; Country Dancing displays; and a competition for children, for the Best Dressed Vehicle, as well as a wide range of stalls and side shows. As usual we depend on the full support of the whole Village to make a success of this, our one major fund-raising event of the year.

Our aim is to raise sufficient money to help pay for a library of film-strips, complete with a projector, and with any surplus to provide a refreshment servery in the School, to be available to all using the extended facilities which will be offered when the "Community School" concept is inaugurated this year.

May we solicit your contributions for the following stalls: Bottles, Plants, Cakes, Books, Toys, Home-made Sweets, and Rainbow (saleable items of any colour). To this end a list will shortly be sent to all homes, which we would ask you to return to the school, indicating which stall you can support. Contributions may be sent to the school at any time for storage until "May Day". At the same time 25 Draw Tickets (main prizes Lady's and Gent's Wrist Watches) will be sent to you, and we would ask you to make every effort to dispose of them, as this is the major source of revenue at the Fete.

Finally, we ask your help in manning the various stalls and side shows. A meeting, to make final arrangements, has been arranged at the School on Tuesday, 9th May at 8 p.m. If you are willing to help but are unable to attend, please advise the Head Master, Mr. Norton (C.H.332), indicating which stall you would prefer.

We look forward to seeing you all enjoying yourselves at the Fete and thank you, in advance, for your help. We hope to have our usual luck with the weather, but, just in case, arrangements have been made for most of the programme to take place in the hall, if necessary.

J. D. Miller, Chairman, Bar Hill P.T.A.

The National Association for Gifted Children

The Inaugural Meeting of the Cambridge Centre of the N.A.G.C. will take place on Wednesday, 24th May at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. in the Friends' Meeting House, Jesus Lane. This will be a public open meeting at which teachers, parents and anyone else concerned about the needs of very able children will be welcome. For further information please ring Cambridge 76644 (before 7 p.m.).

Bar Hill Horticultural Society

This month's meeting Mr. Adkins of the Country Centre will give a talk entitled 'How to make wine in the home" in the School on Tuesday, 9th May. We shall be very pleased to welcome anyone interested (starting at 8.00 p.m.).

Trip to Kew Following last year's very successful trip, we are organising another, this year to Kew Gardens, on Sunday, 18th June. The coach will leave the Village at 10.00 a.m. and return by about 6.00 p.m., the cost being 60p for adults and 30p for children between and 13. This should be a very enjoyable day's outing, to which anyone interested is invited. Please contact Eddie Taylor, 28 Otter Gardens (284) ✓ or Carole Pook, 32 Acorn Avenue (220). ✓

Flower Show - advanced warning We shall be running a modest flower show in late August with about 10 classes, one of which will be a House and Potted Plant section. We feel it only fair that people should have owned their entries for 3 months at least (by which time the plant is truly theirs or dead).

Gardening Hints for May Garden pests are on the move after the mild winter, especially greenfly and slugs. There are a number of products available for dealing with them: either a spray or systematic for greenfly; a suitable bait for slugs. Feed lawns and cut regularly to keep a healthy sward. Water well in very dry weather - too little does more harm than none at all! All plants and shrubs which are growing well should be fed with either gro more or a liquid fertilizer diluted with water. Most bedding plants can be planted this month, especially towards the end, but beware sudden frosts.

Parish Council

Report on Annual Parish Meeting on 29th March 1972, and on Parish Council Meeting 18.4

Planning Applications Mr. Lakin was closely pressed by questioners seeking to ensure that the Council consider all applications very carefully, particularly those relating to the use of the Industrial Area and to the new Village Plan. The County Planners have agreed to meet the Parish Council, once the New Plan is out, to gather their opinions. Details of all planning applications received in future will be displayed on the Notice Board, in order that residents can have the opportunity to view the plans held by the County Planning Dept., Gloucester Court, Gloucester Road.

Footpaths A map showing the Village paths and bridleways is displayed on the notice board. The Council is prepared to support any moves made by Lolworth to open the Bar Hill-Lolworth path.

Buses The Parish Meeting passed a resolution stating "We welcome the application of the Whippet Bus Company and give it our full support". This resolution was passed on to the Traffic Commissioners when a letter formally supporting the Whippet application was written from the Parish Council. Important details of the Whippet application are: (1) The service will be "limited stop" to Girton Corner, and "normal" thereafter. (2) A double-decker bus would provide adequate capacity. (3) Passes for schoolchildren could be issued for the term following the introduction of the service. permutation of passes, e.g. Whippet into Cambridge and Eastern Counties to Bar Hill, would be possible. In addition, the present Whippet Service would be available from the A604 stop from 1st May.

Paths within Bar Hill These are being relaid in tarmac to 9' and 6' widths to conform with County Council standards, apparently regardless of whether the "services" lying close alongside are covered or not. This could cause problems, as with the path between Gladeside and Acorn Avenue, and the Council have written to the Developers, pointing this out.

Allotments There may be room for some in the New Plan.

Seats for the Village park Two have been delivered and are to be firmly sited at the south-eastern end of the Park.

Village Green The land is almost ready to convey, and it is possible that it will be larger in area than originally planned.

Petrol station The Council agreed to a planning application for a Service Station to be erected in the angle between the Perimeter Road and the access road to the shops, in front of Cambridge Consultants.

Health Clinic The County M.O.H. has been approached in an attempt to get the service improved by reducing waiting times and overcrowding, possibly by holding the Clinic fortnightly.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th May at 8 p.m. in the School. All residents are welcome to attend. Time is allowed for questions and matters of importance.

A. Parrott, Clerk

Reminder

The filters in ducted air central heating systems should be washed at least once a fortnight, especially during winter months, to remove dust which may harbour germs. (Filters need renewing from time to time, and the BHRA would be interested to hear of any difficulty experienced in obtaining these from the Eastern Gas Board.)

Editor's Note

We apologise for pruning contributions and for cramped lay-out - we are grateful, as always, to our contributors, but are anxious not to exceed four sides of paper.

Letter from Mr. Nunn

(extract) "I feel sure you will be as pleased as I am to hear that we are going to provide a new communal aerial system throughout the village . . This is a completely new and up to date system, using the very latest equipment available . . and we hope it will overcome the problems which have been experienced by you, the residents, over the past few years." Mr. Nunn goes on to say that work will start soon and take several months, but inconvenience will be kept to the minimum; full specifications of the plan may be seen on request to the BHRA; finally he thanks residents for their patience during his investigations and asks for co-operation while the new system is installed.

Buses to Cambridge

A new Whippet timetable comes into operation on 1st May 1972. This is, of course, quite separate from the Eastern Counties service already operating, and has nothing to do with the service Whippet hope to introduce if permission is granted (see side 3).

Bar Hill to Cambridge	Wednesdays:	9.50	14.25		
	Saturdays :	9.20	12.25	14.47	17.41
Cambridge to Bar Hill	Weds.	12.15	Sat.	12.45	13.50	16.45.

Bar Hill Residents Association: from the Secretary's Notepad

Special Meeting On Monday, 22nd May at 8 p.m. in the School there will be a special meeting of the Association, which will be attended by Mr. K. C. Nunn on behalf of the Developers. We propose to restrict the agenda to communal problems concerning all residents. Please give questions, in writing with your name and address, to members of the Committee by 7th May (or leave at the Information Centre by Sat., 6th May). If the meeting proves useful, as we hope, it may become a regular occurrence.

TV Aerial System (see letter above) Specifications may be seen at the Information Centre; questions are invited for the Special Meeting on 22nd May.

Phone Charges The Secretary would be pleased to hear from residents who have not had satisfaction from the Telephone Manager on the matter of reduced installation charges which we raised some time ago.

Gas Warm Air Central Heating Units We are making enquiries about the availability of spare parts, and remind residents that the local Gas Board offer an annual inspection and maintenance service. There is a theory that there may be a connection between failure to wash the nylon filter on these heaters, and the "Bar Hill Bug" (mainly felt as streptococcal throats, for which doctors advise "plenty of fresh air").

Membership of BHRA Following our item in last month's Newsletter there has been a remarkable increase in membership for which we are most grateful. We should particularly like to welcome the following firms as members: Skanthread International; Invervet Laboratories; Rolls Plastic Packaging; C.B. Tools; Skinner and Partners; Cambridge Scanning.

Committee We were pleased to welcome at our last Committee meeting two new members, Mr. Scott of Partridge Drive and Mr. Briggs of 71 Foxhollow.

Road Safety in Bar Hill We are advised that the Developers will shortly be providing "Give Way" signs for roads in the Village. In the meantime we have started proceedings for road markings to be laid with the help of the County Surveyor.

K. R.-J.

Labour Club: Forum on Secondary Education

The Forum on Secondary Education organised by the Bar Hill Labour Club and held in the School on 17th April under the chairmanship of Donald McIlhagga proved to be an informative and stimulating evening. The case for slection and streaming was led by David Gearon, supported by Mr. Eric Warne (of the Save Our Schools movement, and a well-known C.E.N. correspondent) and by John Wills, speaking on behalf of Rodney Dale. Philip Toogood, Warden of Swavesey V.C., headed the opposition, calling in turn on a recorded interview with a former colleague experienced in unstreamed teaching, and on Kevin Devine, who has been a teacher and is now engaged in careers counselling.

Brian Oakley-Smith gave expert unbiased evidence on educational questions and explained that since at present there is no general agreement about the aims of education individual schools are free to interpret their job, within the constraints of public opinion and limited finance. The audience took up a number of points and fired them back at the speakers for further clarification, finally approving the arguments against selection by a majority of more than two to one.

Anyone interested in joining the BHLC, in taking part in future activities, or in suggesting further topics for discussion, please contact the Secretary, Tom Stephenson, 40 Partridge Drive, C.H.593.

E.J.W.

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